

TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL 42

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of Joint Council 42 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, I write to express our views on the proposed joint venture agreement between Comcast and GE regarding NBC Universal. We appreciate the opportunity to share our views with you.

Joint Council 42 is the largest Council in the entire International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the parent body to 23 Teamster Local Unions located and representing members in Southern California, Southern Nevada, Guam, Saipan, and Hawaii. Some 200,000 working Teamsters and retirees are affiliated with the Joint Council 42 family. This includes Studio Transportation Drivers, Local #399, which is of course greatly interested in the impact of this joint venture on the future of their members and retirees.

The Comcast-GE joint venture is very much in the interests of our members, including the nearly 5,000 Teamsters whose work is closely tied to the entertainment industry. We strongly believe that marrying two American entertainment companies—in this case Comcast and NBC Universal—will strengthen the economic future of our members. We do not believe that this proposal will lead to job losses, as it combines a premier creator of content with a leading distribution company and, as such, will not likely lead to the kinds of redundancies so common in “horizontal” mergers.

Our members have been favorably encouraged by Comcast's commitment to honor all of NBCU's collective bargaining agreements. And to the extent its own employees have chosen to organize, Comcast has shown itself to be a good faith negotiator. In fact, union representation in cable channels owned by Comcast exceeds the U.S. average for private sector union workers. Leadership from Joint Council 42 and other unions have already begun to meet with senior representatives of both companies to discuss our ongoing relationships as the deal unfolds.

Randy Cammack • Bob Lennox • Mike Bergen • Arthur A. Cantu • Ron Herrera • Leo Reed • Patrick Kelly
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The members of Joint Council 42 most affected by the proposed joint venture are the men and women whose efforts help bring Americans feature films, television programs, commercials, and theme park experiences. Their economic future, and that of their families, depends on a strong and thriving American entertainment industry, which is why they, and their brothers and sisters of Joint Council 42, strongly support the proposed joint venture of Comcast and NBC Universal.

Sincerely,

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Randy Cammack
Vice President-at-Large, IBT
President, Teamsters Joint Council 42

CC: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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